

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1343 HD1 SD1  
A BILL RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENTATION TO  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1343 HD1 SD1.

This measure appropriates \$328,000.00 for the establishment of a business recovery center within the Department of Defense. This appropriation is necessary for the State of Hawaii to receive the Federal match of \$1,159,000.00 to support this initiative.

A business recovery center is an online website where business and government agencies collaborate before, during and after a disaster. Federal disaster program information is distributed through this portal.

After a major disaster, the longer a business remains closed dramatically increases the risk of that business failing. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has found that about 40% of small businesses fail after a catastrophic event.

The business recovery center will be an important part of Hawaii's recovery after a major disaster. Please support this important resiliency initiative.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1343 HD1 SD1.